



TOWN OF ACTON MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

October 2025

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CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

- Assistant Planner
- Dispatcher (Full-time)
- Dispatcher (Part-time)
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Paramedic
- Police Officer
- Registrar (Part-time)

Interested in serving on a **Town Committee, Commission, or Board**? Find a full list of open volunteer positions [here](#).

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[TOWN DIRECTORY](#)

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

October is here. The Red Sox are playing the Yankees in the playoffs, departments are busy preparing their budget proposals, and as always, we are working on several important initiatives for the community. As shown below, I recently discussed some of these initiatives at the Senior Center during Java with John. [View a recording](#) of the session or check out the next event scheduled for October 17th.

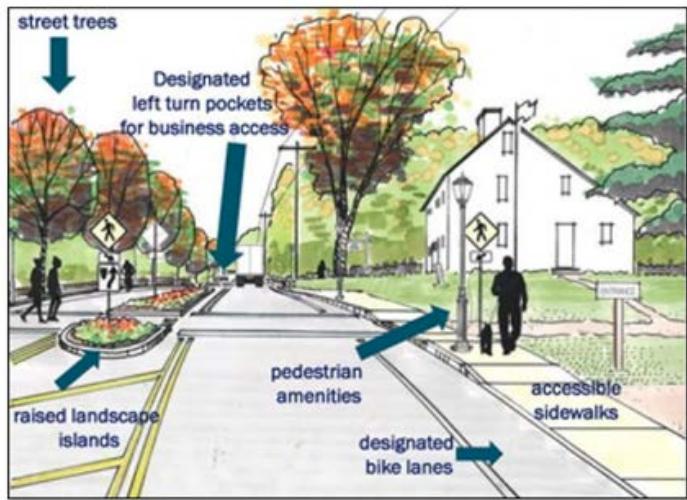
Also, I have received questions related to whether our employees collect information on an individual's immigration status. Per town policy, our employees **do not collect information regarding the citizenship or immigration status**. Use the following link to view the Acton [Select Board policy on immigration status](#). If you have any further questions please reach out to me.



I am very excited to see the progress that the state is making with the Kelley's Corner Infrastructure project! This project, which began in late 2022, will transform the area surrounding the intersection of Route 27/Main Street and Route 111/Massachusetts Avenue which was first identified as an area in need of improvement in the 1970s. The project includes new traffic signals, crosswalks, bicycle lanes, roadways, sidewalks, landscaping, pedestrian amenities and pedestrian lighting.

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The image at right shows how the raised landscape islands will be built at each approach to the intersection. Everyone is happy to see new pavement and lane markings to guide drivers through the changed traffic pattern. Please note, the current lane markings are temporary, and will look much different with the installation of raised traffic islands, bike lanes, crosswalks and more. This roadwork is expected to be finished by the end of the year, with landscaping work, such as planting and trees, to be completed in the spring. One notable change that will be part of the completed traffic pattern is that southbound traffic on Main Street will need to use Carroll Spinney Way (Community Lane) to turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue, as the main intersection will be straight or right-turn only. Stay tuned for more details and updates at the project page www.actonamgov/kc.



At the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to conduct more analysis of the proposed design for a new Department of Public Works (DPW) facility. We hired Arrowstreet Consultants to do a peer review of the project and present alternatives and recommendations to reduce the cost. On September 24th, the building committee hosted a public meeting where Arrowstreet Consultants presented the results of their peer review. They shared their findings and outlined final recommendations for consideration. Use the following link to view the September 24th presentation and related materials:

www.actonma.gov/dpwfacility. The next steps for the DPW building project include a presentation to the Finance Committee on Oct. 14th, deliberation by the DPW Building Committee on Oct. 15th, and then the presentation of recommendations to Select Board on Oct. 20th. These meetings are open to the public and will also broadcast by ActonTV. I encourage you to attend or tune in to learn more about the potential next steps for this critical project.

Economic Development Director Patricia Costa (shown at right at Oktoberfest event) continues to work tirelessly for our businesses and community. Acton's Restaurant Week returns on October 19th. We were excited to welcome a Hollywood movie production which filmed scenes in Acton a few weeks ago. More economic development updates are found later in this newsletter and the most recent [Acton Business Boost](#).

I hope you enjoy the new format for our municipal monthly. Additionally, we are now including links to calendars of events for several of our departments on the front page. As an organization we publish a lot of information in newsletters, websites, and through other means. Combining these resources into the muni monthly will help disseminate them to a wider audience. If there is something else you want to see in the newsletter please reach out and let us know.



Sincerely,
John Mangiaratti, Town Manager

Manager@actonma.gov

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



MARIBETH ZABEK **HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

Maribeth has more than ten years of experience in Human Resources including seven in Acton. Maribeth holds a B.S. in Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing and Management from the UMass Lowell. She is a Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) and a graduate of the ICMA High Performance Leadership Academy. She previously served as the HR/Payroll Assistant, HR Officer, and HR Manager. She has also led initiatives to streamline benefits enrollment, enhance payroll accuracy, and strengthen employee support programs. Maribeth is excited to continue supporting Acton's departments and employees, and helping to foster a workplace where staff feel valued and supported.



EVAN WHITE **ASSISTANT DPW DIRECTOR/TOWN ENGINEER**

Evan is a civil and environmental engineer with over a decade of experience in municipal engineering, public works management, and infrastructure planning. As Senior Engineer for the Town of Ashland, he led the DPW's Stormwater Division, overseeing MS4 permit compliance, managing enterprise-funded stormwater operations, and supervising a dedicated technical staff. A Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCCPO), Evan combines deep technical knowledge with a strong background in public procurement, regulatory compliance, and interdepartmental coordination. He is passionate about advancing resilient, sustainable infrastructure and fostering collaborative approaches to public works challenges.



SOPHIA DARSCH **COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST/ENERGY ADVOCATE**

Sophia is an environmental policy and outreach specialist with an M.S. in Sustainability Science with a concentration in Urban Sustainability from UMass Amherst, and a B.S. in Environmental Policy, Public Relations, and International Relations from Syracuse University. Sophia has worked as an environmental educator, climate research assistant, tour guide, and public relations lead for an equity-focused non-profit. Sophia also served as the Community Outreach Fellow for the Sustainability Office this past summer, where she strengthened clean energy outreach for Acton residents—especially renters and multifamily tenants. Her goal in this new role is to utilize effective, accessible communication and planning to advance energy justice and increase access to Town services in Acton.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

As the season changes, October reminds us of the importance of honoring heritage, raising awareness, and building belonging in our town.

- **LGBTQIA+ History Month** honors the contributions, struggles, and achievements of LGBTQ+ communities.
- **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** celebrates the abilities and voices of people with Down syndrome and advocates for full inclusion.
- **Disability Employment Awareness Month** recognizes the vital contributions of workers with disabilities and promotes inclusive workplaces.

KEY CULTURAL AND AWARENESS DAYS

- **October 6:** Mid-Autumn Festival, celebrated across East and Southeast Asia with lanterns, mooncakes, and gatherings
- **October 10:** World Mental Health Day, a reminder that mental health is essential to overall well-being
- **October 11:** National Coming Out Day, honoring the courage of LGBTQ+ individuals who live openly and authentically
- **October 13:** Indigenous Peoples' Day, honoring Indigenous cultures, histories, and contributions
- **October 15:** Blind Americans Equality Day (White Cane Day), highlighting independence, accessibility, and the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR INTERNS: BEYOND THE OFFICE

At the DEI Office, we are fortunate to work with incredible high school interns who not only support our projects but also dedicate their time and energy to meaningful causes outside of school and work. This summer, we are excited to highlight Udayan Basu, a junior at Acton-Boxborough High School.

Udayan first began volunteering with the Town of Acton's Office of Economic Development in April 2024, when—still a freshman. Since then, he has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to public service, returning this past summer as a volunteer intern in the DEI Office.

In addition to his work with the Town, Udayan is passionate about raising awareness for liver health. His nonprofit—the Massachusetts Chapter of the Friends of Liver Foundation—partnered with the Global Liver Institute to host a 5K for Fatty Liver Disease Day at NARA Park, commemorating Global Fatty Liver Day. The event brought together 30 participants, along with a founding team of five rising juniors from ABRHS, to support and fundraise for the millions affected by fatty liver disease—a condition that impacts nearly 1 in 3 Americans. Left untreated, it can lead to serious complications, but lifestyle changes, especially regular physical activity, can help reduce risk. That's why the 5K was such a fitting way to spread awareness: moving for better liver health. In the weeks leading up to the run, Udayan and his team took on every detail—from booking permits and designing banners to distributing flyers and engaging the community. Thanks to the generosity of attendees, the event raised \$369 for liver health education. As Udayan shared, this effort proved that even small steps, when taken together, can make a big impact. We're proud to celebrate Udayan's dedication and leadership, both in his role with the Town and in his community work. His journey—from starting as a freshman volunteer with Economic Development to interning with the DEI Office this summer—shows how **youth engagement can spark real, meaningful change**.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UPDATES

ACTON WELCOMES ALDI WITH PLANS FOR SPRING 2026 OPENING

Residents of Acton and neighboring towns will soon enjoy a convenient new grocery option along Powder Mill Road. Global supermarket chain ALDI presented plans for its new Acton location at a meeting with key Town departments on August 6, outlining a full renovation of a 22,000 sq ft space. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with the store slated to open to the public in spring 2026. With over 20 locations already in Massachusetts, ALDI's arrival will bring approximately 25 new jobs to Acton, with a strong commitment to hiring locally.

ACTON BUSINESSES COLLABORATE TO ENRICH COMMUNITY

Seniors Night Out at Velvet Vine Café The Office of Economic Development is proud to celebrate new business collaborations that bring our community together and enrich the lives of residents. On September 10, Velvet Vine Café hosted Seniors Night Out, a delightful evening in partnership with Majestic Day Spa and Vibrant Focus Unlimited.

Seniors enjoyed a curated playlist of hits, music trivia, and engaging conversations about skin care and emotional well-being. These three



Senior night out at Velvet Vine Cafe



Meeting at Life Care center of Acton and YV Museum

Great Road-based businesses, with support from the Office of Economic Development and the Senior Center, created a truly memorable night for the town's seniors.

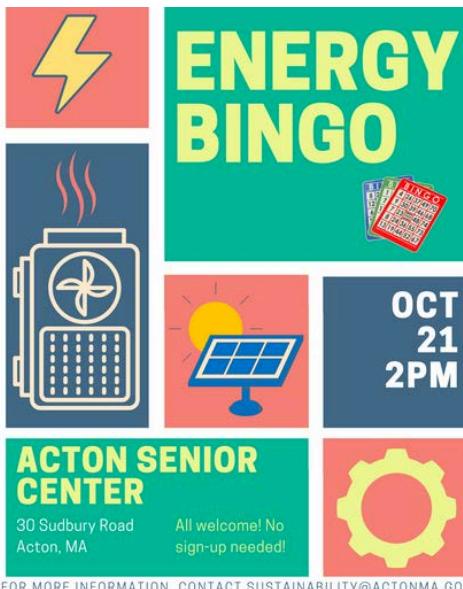
In another exciting collaboration, Life Care Center of Acton and the YV Museum have begun advanced discussions to promote the arts within the community. This partnership will bring rotating art exhibitions to inpatients and their families, alongside workshops designed to foster creativity, engagement, and connection through the arts.

ACTON RESTAURANT WEEK

The Office of Economic Development is pleased to announce that Acton Restaurant Week will take place **October 19-26** highlighting the town's vibrant culinary scene. Participating restaurants across Acton will feature special menus, deals, and tasting experiences, offering residents and visitors a unique opportunity to explore local flavors.



SUSTAINABILITY



ENERGY BINGO

OCT 21 2PM

ACTION SENIOR CENTER

30 Sudbury Road
Acton, MA

All welcome! No sign-up needed!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSTAINABILITY@ACTONMA.GOV

ENERGY BINGO: OCTOBER 21, 2PM

Come join us at the Senior Center for **Energy Bingo!** It's just like regular bingo—only a bit more electric (get it?).

Learn how to save money with utility and local energy efficiency programs, while enjoying a fun afternoon of bingo hosted by the Acton Sustainability Office. Topics will include the Acton Clean Energy Coaching Program, Home Energy Assessments, heat pumps, renewable energy, weatherization, subsidized appliances, EVs, and more! No prior knowledge is needed—just come ready to learn and have fun. The Sustainability Office will be available for questions after the game. Of course, there will be prizes!

ACTON AND THE SPONSORS OF MASS
SAVE PRESENT

Main Streets Initiative

Energy Efficiency for Small Businesses

September 29th - October 27th

Insulation • Lighting • Electrification • More!



For a limited time, Eversource
and National Grid will cover

up to 90%

of recommended energy
efficiency upgrades

Sign up for a **no-cost, no-obligation energy assessment** with a licensed contractor at bit.ly/mainstrts OR using the QR code below:



MAIN STREETS: SEPT. 29- OCT. 27

Attention small businesses and non-profits! Don't miss the chance to save big on energy efficiency upgrades with Mass Save's Main Streets program!

National Grid and Eversource will cover up to 90% of the cost of recommended improvements, including:

- Weatherization & insulation
- Lighting upgrades and occupancy sensors
- Refrigeration upgrades
- And more!

Participating in Main Streets helps reduce your business's environmental impact while also lowering utility costs, minimizing drafts, reducing the risk of water damage, and making your space more comfortable and efficient. The program only runs through October 27th, so sign up now!

SUSTAINABILITY



WED. OCT. 29, 3-4 PM START BY WEST CONCORD MBTA

3:00 - 3:45

Bike 2 miles on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail from the West Concord bike share (behind 40 Beharrell St, Concord) to the East Acton bike share (129 Concord Rd, Acton)



**SPONSORED BY THE
TOWNS OF ACTON,
CONCORD, LINCOLN &
MAYNARD**

4:00

Costume contest winners announced at East Acton Village Green

Visit bit.ly/minutemanbike for more info



TREK OR TREAT: OCT. 29, 3PM

Join the Towns of Acton, Lincoln, Concord, and Maynard for a spooooky costume bike ride! You can bring your own ride, or try out one of the bikes from our Minuteman Bike Share program. The event will begin at 3:00pm, with a costume contest at 4:00pm to follow. All ages welcome!

CLEAN ENERGY HOME TOUR: OCT. 25, 11AM/1PM

Don't miss this opportunity to see residential energy efficiency in action—join Energize Acton for a home tour! Register at EnergizeActon.org.

COUNCIL ON AGING

ABOUT

LOCATION

Human Services Building, 30 Sudbury Road rear

HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8am-4pm

Tuesday: 8am-6pm

Friday: 8am-12pm

Closed October 13

CONTACT

seniorcenter@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652.

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services, meals and activities for residents age 60+. Most activities are FREE with a nominal charge for meals.

The Assistant Director provides older adults and their families with information on area social services including home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance.

Each month there are multiple meal opportunities: special lunches, an evening dinner, daily lunch provided by Minuteman Senior Services, the Wednesday lunch Bistro open to all ages, frozen grab & go lunches provided by Open Table, and Meals on Wheels delivery. The Bistro is open on an extra day—Thursday, October 23, to serve those coming to the Friends of the COA vintage jewelry sale! Don't miss the lunch featuring Indian cuisine!

Visit our website www.actoncoa.com to view our newsletter for details on services, meals and activities. Follow us on Facebook @actoncoa. To sign up for newsletter or notifications from the COA visit: www.actoncoa.com/list.aspx



In recognition of Fall Prevention Month, "Move with Confidence" was offered at the Senior Center and was staffed by physical therapists from Rehab Health 360 & the American Physical Therapy Association's Geriatrics Special Interest Group.

Acton Senior Center Program Highlights October 2025

PROGRAMS

- Open Enrollment Medicare Talk
- Holocaust Survivor & Author Janet Applefield
- Field Trip to ABRHS
- Daigaku Imo Cooking Demo
- Improv Class
- The Robber Barons Talk
- Music of Leonard Cohen
- Energy Bingo with Sustainability Office Staff

LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

- Halloween Party for LGBTQ+ Older Adults and Friends
- Rainbow Planning Team Meeting

SERVICES & WELLNESS

- New Notary Service
- SHINE Appointments
- Hearing Screenings
- Intro to Reflexology & Appointments
- Navigating Grief Group
- Keys to a More Fulfilled Life

For more information view our newsletter at actoncoa.com or call us at 978-929-6652



Residents enjoy a game of ping pong at the Senior Center

COUNCIL ON AGING

ACTON SONGSTERS PERFORMANCE

Best Loved Songs From Movies & TV Shows

Tuesday, October 21st, 1:00-1:30pm

**ACTON SENIOR CENTER
30 SUDSBURY ROAD REAR, ACTON**

Free and open to all!
Call 978-929-6652 with questions



New
Workshop
at the
Senior
Center!

EXPLORING IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

Join actress & teacher Poornima Kirby for improv games, short- & long-form scenarios, and tools for building characters on the fly. Learn how these skills can apply to your everyday life!

Mondays, Oct. 20 through Nov. 24

10:00-11:00 AM

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

For those age
60+; free to
Acton
residents/fee
for out-of-
towners

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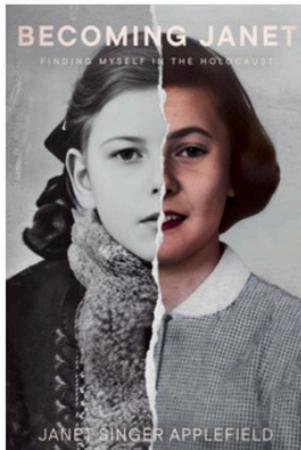
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Acton, MA

seniorcenter@actonma.gov

BECOMING JANET: FINDING MYSELF IN THE HOLOCAUST

WITH AUTHOR JANET SINGER
APPLEFIELD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1:00-2:30 PM



Author Janet Singer
Applefield will discuss
her memoir about her
experience surviving
the Holocaust

Presented by the
Friends of the
Acton Council on
Aging Honoring
Excellence
Program

Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Road Rear
Acton MA

SIGN UP WITH THE COA: Free and open to all age 60+

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www.actoncoa.com



LIBRARIES

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: <https://conta.cc/3IcukH3>

EVENT SCHEDULE

Adult Writing Group

Oct 2, 6:00-7:00pm, AML Conference Room [REGISTER](#)

Teaching Tech

Oct 7, 12:00-1:00pm, West Acton Citizens' Lib. [REGISTER](#)

Oct 7, 5:30-6:30pm, AML Meeting Room [REGISTER](#)

Basics of Investing with CFA Society Boston

Oct 8, 6:00-7:00pm, AML Meeting Room [REGISTER](#)

Cookbook Club

Oct 16, 12:00-1:00pm, West Acton Citizens' Lib. [REGISTER](#)

Oct 16, 6:00-7:00pm, AML Solarium [REGISTER](#)

Work Smarter for Teens

Tuesdays 3:30—4:00 PM, AML Meeting Room, [REGISTER](#)

Fall Paper Quilling Workshop

Oct 27, 1:30—3:00 PM, AML Young Adult Space [REGISTER](#)

Haunted Library

Oct 30, 6:00—8:00 PM, Acton Memorial Library, [REGISTER](#)

Acton Memorial Library 

WRITING⁺

GROUP

THURS
2ND
OCT
6-7PM

AML Conference Room

Space is
limited, register
on the program
page on our
website

Optional Prompt: Describe a character, object or
location in 3 paragraphs. Then strip it down to
one paragraph, then three sentences and finally
one sentence.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon
request by emailing library@actonma.gov.

WORK SMARTER FOR TEENS

Seven Week Program

Weekly on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM

Starts October 7th

AML Conference Room

Increase
Productivity!

Make
Homework
Easier!

Register Now!

Acton
Memorial
Library
STORIES CONNECT US



Teaching Tech LIBBY



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00—1:00pm

West Acton Citizens' Library

5:30—6:30pm,

AML Meeting Room

Sign up on the program page on our website

LIBRARIES

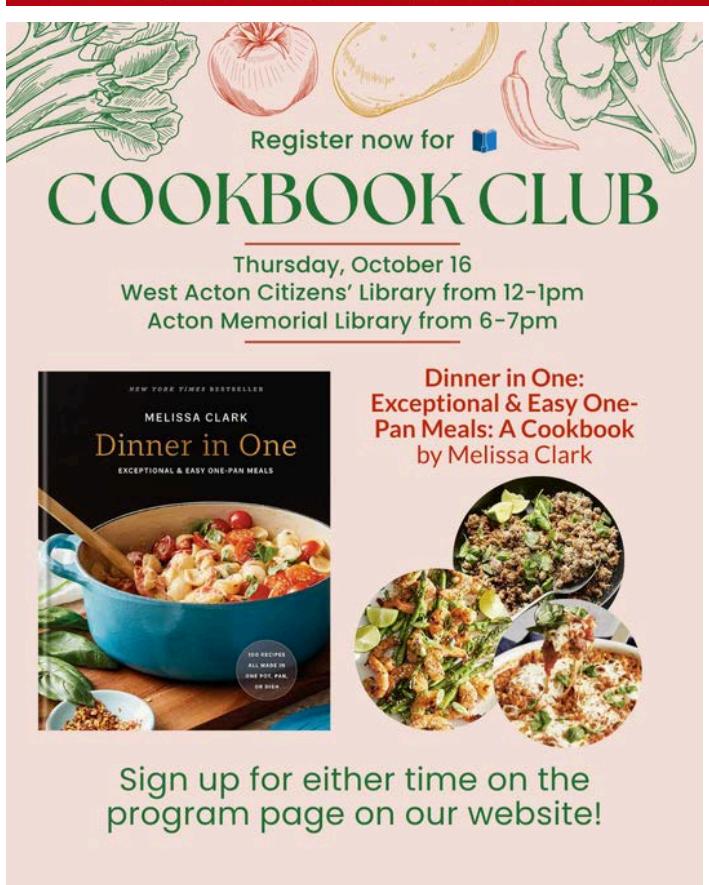


TEEN HAUNTED LIBRARY
OCTOBER 30TH
6-8 PM
ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
REGISTER NOW FOR A DOOR PRIZE!

COSTUME CONTEST
PIZZA AND SNACKS
SCARY MOVIE
HAUNTED STACKS
CAMPFIRE STORIES
AND MORE

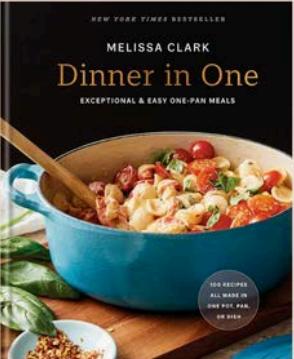
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Register now for  **COOKBOOK CLUB**

Thursday, October 16
West Acton Citizens' Library from 12-1pm
Acton Memorial Library from 6-7pm


Dinner in One:
Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals: A Cookbook by Melissa Clark



Sign up for either time on the program page on our website!



Basics of Investing

Teens & Adults

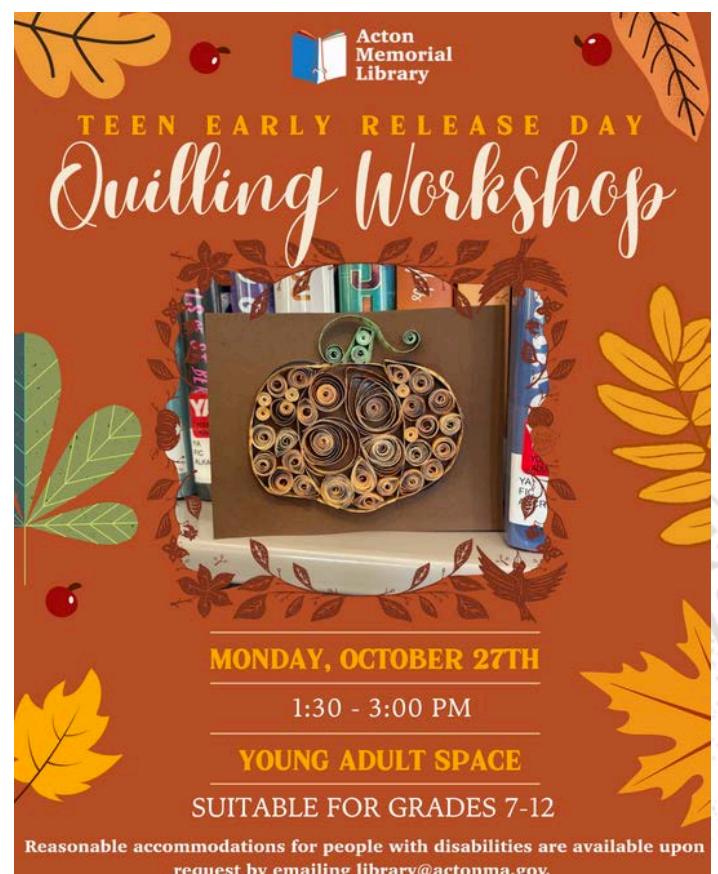
with CFA Society Boston

Wednesday, October 8,
6:00—7:00 PM,
AML Meeting Room

Sign up on the program page on our website



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 **TEEN EARLY RELEASE DAY**
Quilling Workshop



MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
1:30 - 3:00 PM
YOUNG ADULT SPACE
SUITABLE FOR GRADES 7-12

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by emailing library@actonma.gov

RECREATION

UPDATES

NO SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS

Our No School Day Program is now open for select dates, with more dates becoming available soon. To learn more and secure your spot, visit www.ActonRec.com. Hurry spaces are filling quickly!

RENTALS AT NARA PARK

Rentals are still being accepted, and outdoor facilities will be available through the end of November. To check date availability or ask specific questions, please email us at Recreation@acton.gov.

NARA BEACH

The beach is now closed for the season and will reopen in May. Beach membership applications for the 2026 season will be accepted after the New Year.

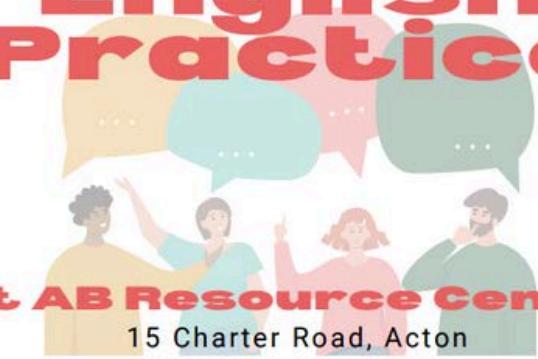
For a full list of available programs, please visit www.ActonRec.com



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Drop-In

English Practice



at AB Resource Center
15 Charter Road, Acton

1:00PM Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, & Thursday

6:00PM Wednesday evenings

Pratique Inglês	Pratike angle	Practica el inglés	练习英语
Segunda a quinta-feira, às 13h Quartas-feiras, às 18h <i>Participe qualquer dia</i>	Lendi-Jedi 1è aprèmidi. Mèkredi 6è aprèmidi. <i>Ale nan nenpòt jou</i>	De lunes a jueves, a la 1 p. m. Miércoles, a las 6 p. m. <i>Asiste cualquier dia</i>	周一至 周四下午 1点 周三下午 6点 <i>任何一天均 可参与</i>

PUBLIC WORKS

KEEP FALLEN LEAVES OUT OF THE STREET!



Do not blow or rake yard waste like leaves, brush, or branches into the street! This waste leaches nutrients into stormwater runoff and pollutes local waterbodies. Yard waste can also clog storm drains and culverts, causing flooding. Please mulch or compost your yard waste, or dispose of it at the Transfer Station!

